

THE DEMOCRAT.

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Civil Service Reform.

We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.

"Turn the rascals out."

WALTER PAGE, FORMERLY OF RALEIGH, N. C. NOW OF BROOKLYN, N. Y. OPON ANTI-CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS.

One reading Mr. Page's article in the last *Chronicle* becomes impressed with his self-assumed political omniscience and misapprehension. He presumes that to oppose his sentimental foolishness concerning the Civil Service, naming which he styles the moral movement of the age, displays great ignorance. He mercilessly ridicules papers not published in cities nor does his pen spare even Kingsbury, with a national reputation as a sound democratic writer, and the *News-Observer*, though his would-be criticisms, and unjust jeers upon them are as ants upon bulls' horns. The mountain peaks of Carolina journalism and democracy cannot feel Page's frosty bites.

Knowing his weak position he tells his co-workers to argue not with his opponents. He is surprised that "country papers" contain political thoughts; he attributes to their editors gross ignorance of everything political; he is shocked that an editor has the arrogance to say "Cleveland" and not President Mr. Cleveland, and then in his same article, consistent with his consistency however, he himself speaks of Cleveland and uses no title whatever. How absurd to condemn as a breach of courtesy in a "country paper" that which he commends (His blunder is near the end of his article). This criticism of our politics makes other remarks which his own experience and humbled pride should have forbidden. He speaks of a "country paper" with one or two hundred copies and says its editor was a smart man and of broad information held more to a city where he could make money, or something to that effect. We all know how a man dislikes and is dissatisfied with a place wherein and the people among whom he has miserably failed in any enterprise. Our hero sees but little to be commended in our good old state. Last week we noticed his change of the lack of intellectual freedom in our State. We, by chance, were a reader of the paper once published in our State in Raleigh and edited by Mr. Walter Page. We know its fate. It was a daily, in a big town, with a "smart editor" with more than we believe, 200 weekly subscribers, and it "thrived" so to speak. The idea of one who made a newspaper fail are speaking as Walter Page does of country papers is brass unmeasured. Another feature we will note as a compliment to Mr. Page's editorial line is that while he wrote for his own paper we never saw in it such ideas as he now puts in print. The *Chronicle* says, we suspect, Mr. P.'s articles. A bought article must be in accord with the purchaser's views. As he says too, he writes for nine different journals in New York State and he agrees with all we suppose. He is, we think too, sincere in his opinions. He tried too Carolina democratic principles and failed and, naturally, being a moralist, he believed right would live, therefore since he failed he judged his course wrong. Then the course he now pursues offered to his blighted hopes the best reward for his labors and the best field in which to recover, even at a sacrifice, his lost fortune. Therefore he reasons his present course is right and will live. However he don't wish "to argue with" his opponents. Now to further his right-to-his-heart ideas he boldly says that two separate political parties should be built upon the Civil Service act—one pro, one contra. Like Burr, who desired, when he had lost his influence in his own country, to establish a new empire, so Page, with a few similar ones, having brilliantly failed in the democratic party, the grandest that ever existed, desire, to form a new party.

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olina democracy. He longs for a new party.

The prodigal sometimes returns, he is seldom sent for. The Democratic party will not send for Page and the *Chronicle* when they get up their little party and begin to run a political sideshow with themselves and half a dozen others in our State as chief attractions.

Walter should come home to advise us and not look at his native people and their needs through Brooklyn spectacles. He tells how he met Cleveland and how he was encouraged to talk with Mr. President and he says ever since his conversation with him, his admiration of Cleveland has grown. Mr. Cleveland's personal influence is not very great either. He touched his garb and heard his voice, and, champagne like, he changed. The President's mesmerism lasts pretty well.

Our reasons against Civil Service are too well known to our readers to repeat them here. We will at some future time.

Mr. P. proudly says follow "Cleveland" instead of Kingsbury, Lamar instead of the *News-Observer*, etc. David B. Hill and Zebulon B. Vance are as great and as trustworthy leaders to follow as any on American soil. Page should not take men from all over the U. S. to compare with men from our State. But he could not find those in our State to match his opponents. Carolinians should be placed against Carolinians when Carolinians must follow one party. Will you follow Kingsbury, the *News-Observer*, and Zeb Vance, or the *Chronicle* and Page, in New York? We say follow no one blindly, but follow the principles you understand and believe. When it becomes necessary to follow men we say follow a dead Jackson, a dead Jefferson, and a dead Hendricks rather than a Cleveland and two hundred thousand living Pages. Civil Service has its advocates in all degrees of statesmanship from Cleveland and Curtis down to Page and the *Chronicle*. The gentleman's letter was not on Civil Service at all but upon Carolinians, and toleration of old men, and Cleveland and his conversation with him; and much of this article was consumed in hurling maledictions against and slurs at a certain "country paper." His article is excellently written, but while this is so still it is an article which would not expect from one who pretends to love the Old North State and the democratic party.

OFFENSIVE PARTISANSHIP.

There is not a man outside the grave or a lunatic asylum, but is a partisan to some extent. And where the line of demarcation comes in to divide the non-offensive from the offensive partisan, we are not able to discover.

And viewing the appointments made by the administration does not shed any light on the subject of the appointments made. Some are very strong partisan, others are not, but rather Republican. So will some fellow who has been permitted to touch the hem of the master's garment, and thereby received inspiration and light on the subject, tell us or the people what constitutes offensive partisanship and what non-offensive partisanship.

We confess our supreme ignorance as where to draw the line. A gives his time, money and talent to either the Republican or Democratic party in every campaign. B stays at home and plows until the day of election, but just as sure as the sun shines, or water seeks a level, so sure B goes to the polls and votes for the party of his choice that represents his way of thinking, his ideas of government, his principles.

We can not see any difference except one is the more active, because of a different temperament and probably has more money, time and talent to give to the cause he supports than the other. Both are fixed and unwavering in devotion to the principles of the party to which they belong, and would under any contingency and at most any hazard vote for the party of his principles.

Which is offensive and which is not? Give us an answer if you can. As for our part we see no difference.

Now we know there are corrupt and dishonest men in both parties, and this class we would ever exclude from office.

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AN EXTRACT FROM PAGE'S CHRONICLE LETTER.

"Some where (no matter where, I will not tell on him) in a little town in North Carolina, a fellow prints every week a hundred or two copies of a little paper that 'does the village the useful service of chronicling the deaths and marriages, the price of eggs and the decisions of the court. The editor, I have no doubt, is a good citizen and a good man. Certainly he is engaged in a good business, a business that enables him if he does it right to be of service to his community. But naturally he does not know much. If he was a man of broad information or of great power he would not be engaged in business at a place where at most he can barely earn a living. He is capable of deciding whether it is well for the county to build a new road or for a man to raise hogs instead of buying meat from Chicago. For giving a good opinion on all matters of local concern, I have no doubt he is capable. But that does not satisfy him. True he knows nothing about the great questions of government. He never read the Civil Service act in his life. He does not know what the duties or the difficulties of the President are. Yet the little village editor has big thoughts in his brain. He knows something is wrong. He sees that the country is going to the bad. The party has been betrayed. May be some friend of his who did noble work last year has not got the office he wants. Whatever is the matter, he fills a column of his little paper that ought to be filled with news about his neighbors with a fierce tirade against 'Cleveland.' He does not call him 'President,' nor 'Mr.' And in that column all the great and good work of the President is shown to be as nothing, and the great man in the White House is abused as a traitor and spat upon. Now, funny as this is, it is also very sad. Ignorance is always sad. This man has readers who, if they know no better, get it into their heads that the President of the United States is a scoundrel. Now if this little fellow (God knows I grieve that the generous soil of the Old State holds such ignorant men on it) if he were all, nobody would care."

NOT AT HENDRICKS' FUNERAL.

We did think our President possessed one quality superior to all men living and dead except General Grant. Moral courage and will power we thought he had. He determined to attend the funeral of the Vice President, cowardice and timidity captured his mind and body, and he declined to pay that respect to the dead Vice President which patriotism, custom, respect and consistency demanded of the President of the United States.

We are mortified that Mr. Cleveland should have manifested such a want of confidence in the people and lack of true manhood in his own soul. A man who fears his countrymen is unfit to rule them.

It is the honest fearless man that the people love and respect. It is the honest courageous man that God shields from danger. Mr. Cleveland's life would have been as safe on the way and at the funeral as at Washington. In fact he would be safe anywhere in the United States even with Republicans. None but a crank is to be feared and he is to be feared more at the White House than anywhere else. Some say Senator Edmunds persuaded him not to attend the funeral we would prefer to believe that he declined to go out of respect to Edmunds, judgment, than from sheer cowardice. That would be in keeping with his character. He seems to be controlled by republicans and to prefer them to democrats.

It is said that he now desires republican senators to intimate to him the names of the men they dislike and may not confirm, so that he can withdraw them and send in others suitable to the republican senators.

If this is so, what a grand democratic president we have, and how we ought to gush and blubber over his honesty, greatness, manliness, purity, and his democracy. Duty said go, he ought to have gone and taken chances of meeting death like a man.

John W. Daniel succeeds Bill Mahone in U. S. Senate from Virginia. A good selection.

Of the State's \$30,000 pension fund, for this year \$29,600 has been expended.

John G. Carlisle, of Ky., has been reelected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The President did not attend the funeral of Mr. Hendricks. His Washington friends seem to have influenced him. He ought to have gone. And after deciding to go he changed his mind and we are much surprised. If we mistake not this is the only instance on record that friend or foe influenced him.

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CAROLINA AHEAD.

North Carolina has at last produced one great man, great at least in his own estimation, if not in the estimation of others, yet she cannot boast for she has been in labor for more than one hundred years. He is living north writing on North Carolina ignorance and intolerance. This man is chock full of purified and refined wisdom. He glitters like gold and sparkles like diamonds. He has gained all this wisdom and shining brightness in so short a period that we are amazed and startled at his rapid exit in the regions of information, light and supreme wisdom.

He must be the aptest student from the days of Adam to the day of Cleveland, for history does not record such an example of intellectual moral, and political advancement. We have heard of the seven wonders of the world, this writer must be the eighth. For not more than one hundred years ago he edited a city paper in a city in North Carolina; and he certainly did not possess this wisdom and light he now has. If he did he kept it a secret, for surely none of his readers ever discovered it. But we forget, excuse us, that was because of their ignorance blindness, and fogism. We are not more than a thousand years old, and during a part of our life we were a close reader of this city paper edited by this civil service reformer, and we do not remember to have seen or read any of these grand ideas, burning thoughts, reform notions and highly inspired wisdom, that we now see emanating like so many blazing meteors from the inspired brain and the stupendous intellect of this apostle and fore-runner of the grand millennium which is to be ushered in upon the Union and especially upon North Carolina.

Come down upon the stool of repentance all ye bald headed sinners of North Carolina, and take off your hats, and lick the dust from the "pure righteous feet of the apostle and savior of your liberties and your freedom. And to the young men of North Carolina, we say, come down upon your unhalloved knees, in ashes and slime, and honor your leader, your type of true manhood and your deliverer from the tyranny of the baldheaded skunks, and from the terror of trampled bridled thought.

Now we must confess we are at a loss to know, how the editors, and the leaders of political thought in the state shall honor this recent ambassador of democratic doctrines and faithful expounder of Republican institutions. Well we are done, we can not divine how to render unto this our Caesar the things that are his, unless they just touch the hem of his garments that inspiration and divine virtue and life may pass into them, as these qualities and virtues passed into this young hero when he touched Cleveland's garment (we will not say which one) and heard his voice.

However with the wisdom of a Solomon, the power of a Samson, and the inspiration of a prophet, the little bull will not throw the democratic train from the track, nor will the yelping of the poodle stay the light of the moon.

The will of the Democratic party now is that all Republicans be swept out of office at once. They have no right to hold office under a Democratic administration. "To the victors belong the spoils." The Rads turned out every Democrat holding office under them, no matter whether he was only a 65th-class postmaster, receiving a salary of not more than ninety cents a year! "One good turn deserves another" and we want to see the Rads hustled out of office by the thousand.—*Reflector*.

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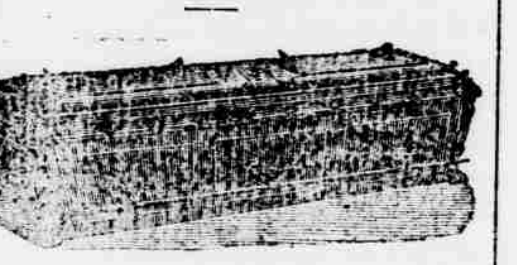
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